

The 2 'type specimens' of *M. brevipes leucocapilla* (Bangs 1930) must be considered invalid. Proof is to be found in the description in both Latin and French by Lafresnaye (1852) of a white-headed adult male of *M. brevipes*. Furthermore, the specimen to which the tag with the inscription '*leucocapilla*' is fitted today, is a plain grey-headed adult male without any trace of white, not even concealed by any blue-grey apices. I am grateful to R. A. Paynter jun. for confirming this for me. Clancey seems to have overlooked the relevant reference in my 1966 paper. It therefore seems clear that Lafresnaye's white-headed specimen must have disappeared, and its detached tag fitted to a similar-looking specimen, which by chance happened to be one of the then unknown *M. pretoriae*. Consequently, no type locality for *leucocapilla* is needed, since Clancey (1968) in any case considers *leucocapilla* to be a synonym of *brevipes*.

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## Bird weights from northeastern Argentina

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This paper presents the weights of 244 specimens of birds belonging to 93 species and subspecies, collected during 3 field trips to the so called Mesopotamic Region of Argentina, which comprises the Provinces of Entre Ríos, Corrientes and Misiones. A few papers have supplied weight data of Argentine birds (Fiore 1933, 1934, Contreras 1975, Contreras & Davies 1978), but there is an almost complete lack of information about the weight of Mesopotamic birds.

Unless otherwise indicated, specimens were secured in the following localities: about the Paraná City neighbourhood (PA); in San Cosme gallery forests and swamps (SC); in the jungle, grasslands and swamps of Paso Mbaracayá, on the shore of the Paraná River (PMB); and in Estancia Ibiratingay, in the same latter kind of habitat (EIB). The first locality belongs to the Province of Entre Ríos and the last 3 to the Province of Corrientes.

The information for each specimen also includes breeding condition indicated by gonad development as a (active), i (immature or inactive). Fat condition, when significant, is mentioned. Weights were recorded to the nearest tenth of a gramme and were taken as soon as possible after death.

The nomenclature used follows Olrog (1963), with some changes advocated mainly in Meyer de Schauensee (1971) and Short (1975).

- Phalacrocorax brasilianus brasilianus*: ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 2008.0.  
*Amazonetta brasiliensis*: ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 588.0.  
*Cathartes burrovianus*: ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 1272.0.  
*Polyborus chimango chimango*: ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 216.0.  
*Tringa solitaria*: ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 67.5.  
*Gallinago gallinago paraguaiiae*: ♂ i, EIB, Mar, 111.0 (fat).  
*Porphyryla flavirostris*: ♂♂ a, PMB, Jan, 103.5, 93.0.  
*Jacana jacana*: ♂ a, Bella Vista (Corrientes), Jan, 106.5; ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 75.0; ♀ a, Isla San Martin (Corrientes), Jan, 144.0; ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 132.0.  
*Columba cayenensis silvestris*: ♂ a, EIB, Mar, 425.0; ♂ a, Rio Victoria (Misiones), Jul, 464.0.  
*Columbina picui picui*: ♂♂ a, EIB & PA, Jan & Oct, 47.5, 56.5; ♀ a, PA, Oct, 59.0.  
*Columbigallina talpacoti talpacoti*: ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 52.2; ♂♂ a, EIB, Mar, 52.2, 50.5, 53.5.  
*Leptotila verreauxi chloroauchenia*: ♂ a, PA, Sep, 185.0; ♂ i, PA, Sep, 165.0.  
*Leptotila rufaxilla reichenbachii*: ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 169.0; ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 183.0.  
*Myopsitta monacha cotorra*: ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 97.0; ♂♂ i, EIB, Mar, 111.0, 117.0.  
*Coccyzus cinereus*: ♂ i, El Palenque (Entre Rios), Jan, 34.8.  
*Piaya cayana macroura*: ♀♀ a, EIB, Mar, 119.5, 134.0, 92.0.  
*Crotophaga major*: ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 179.0.  
*Crotophaga ani*: ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 93.0; ♂ a, Rio Victoria (Misiones), Jul, 120.2; ♀ a, PMB, Jan, 85.5.  
*Güira güira*: ♂ i, EIB, Mar, 126.5; ♀ a, PMB, Jan, 182.0.  
*Tapera naevia chochi*: ♂ i, EIB, Mar, 44.0.  
*Athene cunicularia grallaria*: ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 122.0; ♀ a, PMB, Jan, 168.0.  
*Caprimulgus parvulus parvulus*: ♀ a, PMB, Jan, 34.0.  
*Chlorostilbon lucidus lucidus*: ♂♂ a, PMB & EIB, Jan & Mar, 3.8, 3.7.  
*Hylocharis chrysura chrysura*: ♂ a, PA, Sep, 4.0; ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 4.2; ♀ a, PA, Sep, 5.0.  
*Ceryle torquata torquata*: ♂ i, Ituzaingó (Corrientes), Jan, 254.0; ♂ i, EIB, Mar, 309.0; ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 325.0.  
*Chloroceryle americana matthewsi*: ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 35.5.  
*Colaptes campestris*: ♀ a, PMB, Jan, 174.0; ♀ i, PMB, Jan, 179.5.  
*Colaptes melanochlorus*: ♂ i, EIB, Mar, 109.0.  
*Veniliornis passerinus olivinus*: ♂ a, EIB, Mar, 30.0; ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 30.2; ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 32.0.  
*Lepidocolaptes angustirostris*: ♂ a, EIB, Mar, 27.8; ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 30.2; ♂♂ i, EIB, Mar, 29.8, 29.5; ♀♀ a, PMB & EIB, Jan & Mar, 31.5, 33.5.  
*Furnarius rufus rufus*: ♂♂ a, PMB & EIB, Jan & Mar, 57.5, 50.5; ♂♂ a, PA, Sep, 57.0, 59.0, 50.0; ♀ a, Isla Apipé Chica (Corrientes), Jan, 48.5.  
*Schoeniophylax phryganophila phryganophila*: ♂♂ a, PA, Sep, 20.0, 22.5, 18.0; ♂♂ i, PA, Oct, 16.9, 19.5; ♀ i, La Paz (Entre Rios), Jan, 17.8.  
*Synallaxis ruficapilla*: ♀♀ i, PMB, Jan, 15.8, 16.0, 14.4.  
*Synallaxis frontalis frontalis*: ♂ a, PA, Sep, 13.0; ♀♀ a, PA, Sep & Oct, 15.0, 16.0; ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 16.3.  
*Certhiaxis cinnamomea russeola*: ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 14.0; ♀ a, SC, Jan, 16.9.  
*Phacellodromus ruber*: ♂♂ a, PMB, EIB & PA, Jan, Mar & Sep, 38.2, 36.5, 45.0; ♂♂ i, PMB, Jan, 34.9, 40.5; ♀♀ a, SC & EIB, 38.3, 35.8.  
*Anumbius anumbi*: ♂ i, EIB, Mar, 27.0.

- Thamnophilus gilviger gilviger*: ♂ i, SC, Jan, 21·7.  
*Xolmis cinerea*: ♂ i, EIB, Mar, 54·8; ♀♀ a, EIB, Mar, 61·8, 62·0.  
*Xolmis irupero*: ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 29·5.  
*Arundinicola leucocephala*: ♂♂ a, PMB, Jan, 13·8, 15·9.  
*Machetornis rixosa rixosa*: ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 34·0.  
*Muscivora tyrannus tyrannus*: ♀ a, PMB, Jan, 34·0.  
*Tyrannus melancholicus melancholicus*: ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 43·4; ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 46·0.  
*Myiodynastes maculatus solitarius*: ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 39·5.  
*Megarhynchus pitangua pitangua*: ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 58·0; ♀ a, PMB, Jan, 60·5.  
*Pitangus sulfuratus bolivianus*: ♂ a, PA, Oct, 75·0; ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 59·5.  
*Myiarchus tyrannulus tyrannulus*: ♂♂ i, PMB, Jan, 28·0, 22·8, 30·0; ♂♂ i, EIB, Mar, 29·6 (fat), 23·8; ♀ i, PMB, Jan, 24·0.  
*Empidonax euleri euleri*: ♂♂ a, PMB & EIB, Jan & Mar, 13·8, 12·3; ♀ i, PMB, Jan, 12·1.  
*Myiophobus fasciatus flammiceps*: ♂♂ a, PA, Sep & Oct, 12·1, 15·3, 15·0, 15·0.  
*Hirundinea bellicosa bellicosa*: ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 42·0; ♀ i, PMB, Jan, 39·5.  
*Pseudocolopteryx sclateri*: ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 6·8.  
*Serpophaga subcristata*: ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 8·6; ♂ i, EIB, Mar, 6·8.  
*Serpophaga munda munda*: ♂ a, PA, Sep, 4·8; ♀♀ a, PA, Sep, 4·5, 7·0 (with egg).  
*Myiopagis viridicata viridicata*: ♀ a, PMB, Jan, 11·8.  
*Campostoma obsoletum obsoletum*: ♀ a, EIB, Mar, 7·9; ♀ i, PMB, Jan, 7·4.  
*Phytotoma rutila rutila*: ♂ a, PA, Oct, 45·0.  
*Hirundo rustica erythrogaster*: ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 18·8.  
*Cyanocorax chrysops chrysops*: ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 160·0.  
*Troglodytes aedon musculus*: ♂♂ i, EIB, Mar, 10·7, 11·0, 10·8; ♀ a, PMB, Jan, 12·1; ♀ i, PMB, Jan, 10·1.  
*Troglodytes aedon bonariae*: ♂♂ a, PA, Apr, Sep & Oct, 9·5, 10·5, 13·0, 10·0, 10·5, 11·5; ♀ a, PA, Sep, 13·0 (with egg); ♀ i, PA, Apr, 12·0.  
*Turdus amaurochalinus*: ♂ a, PA, Sep, 63·5; ♂♂ i, PA & EIB, Sep & Mar, 60·0, 57·0; ♀♀ a, PA, Sep & Oct, 67·0, 60·0, 70·0, 67·0, 70·0, 67·0.  
*Turdus rufiventris rufiventris*: ♂♂ i, EIB, Mar, 64·0, 69·5, 65·5; ♀ i, PMB, Jan, 69·0; unsexed, PMB, Jan, 77·0.  
*Turdus leucomelas leucomelas*: ♂ i, EIB, Mar, 75·0; ♀♀ a, EIB, Mar, 66·5, 74·5.  
*Cyclarhis gujanensis gujanensis*: ♂♂ i, EIB, Mar, 27·5, 29·2; ♀♀ a, PMB & EIB, Jan & Mar, 28·0, 28·0, 28·8.  
*Vireo olivaceus*: ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 14·0.  
*Parula pitiayumi pitiayumi*: ♀ i, EIB, Mar, 7·3.  
*Geothlypis aequinoctialis velata*: ♂♂ i, PMB, Jan, 15·5, 11·5; ♂ i, PA, Sep, 12·8; ♀ a, PMB, Jan, 10·8.  
*Molothrus bonariensis bonariensis*: ♂ a, EIB, Mar, 58·3.  
*Molothrus badius badius*: ♂ a, PA, Sep, 50·0; ♀ a, PA, Oct, 43·5.  
*Icterus cayanensis pyrrhopterus*: ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 28·5.  
*Agelaius cyanopus*: ♀ a, PMB, Jan, 32·2.  
*Gnorimopsar chopi chopi*: ♂ i, EIB, Mar, 61·0.  
*Tanagra cayana chloroptera*: ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 19·8; ♀ a, PMB, Jan, 21·6.  
*Thraupis sayaca sayaca*: ♂♂ i, EIB, Mar, 32·2, 32·5; ♀♀ a, EIB, Mar, 30·5, 33·9, 29·5; ♀ i, EIB, Mar, 33·0.  
*Thlypopsis sordida sordida*: ♂♂ i, EIB, Mar, 16·3, 15·2; ♀♀ a, PMB & EIB, Jan & Mar, 17·8, 16·3; ♀ a, Paso Jupiter (Corrientes), Jan, 17·6.  
*Saltator caeruleus*: ♀♀ a, PMB, Jan, 75·3, 62·5; unsexed, PMB, Jan, 56·0.  
*Paroaria capitata capitata*: ♂♂ a, PMB, Jan, 22·0, 23·2; ♂ a, Bella Vista (Corrientes), Jan, 22·0; ♀♀ i, SC, Jan, 20·2, 20·2.  
*Cyanocompsa cyanea sterea*: ♂♂ a, PMB, Jan, 22·3, 20·0; ♀ a, SC, Jan, 20·5.

- Cyanocompsa cyanea argentina*: ♀ a, PA, Sep, 21.3.  
*Sporophila collaris melanocephala*: ♂ i, Bella Vista (Corrientes), Jan, 12.8.  
*Sporophila minuta hypoxantha*: ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 8.9.  
*Spinus magellanicus ictericus*: ♂ a, EIB, Mar, 11.0.  
*Coryphospingus cucullatus rubescens*: ♂♂ a, PMB, Jan, 14.3, 14.4.  
*Arremon flavirostris polionotus*: ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 30.3; ♂♂ a, EIB, Mar, 29.2, 28.0, 28.0;  
 ♂ i, EIB, Mar, 28.2; ♀♀ a, PMB & EIB, Jan & Mar, 29.9, 27.9, 27.8.  
*Ammodramus humeralis*: ♂♂ a, PMB, Jan, 14.3, 15.5; ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 15.2.  
*Zonotrichia capensis*: ♂♂ a, PMB, Jan, 22.5, 22.5, 22.2; ♀ i, PMB, Jan, 19.5.  
*Pooipiza nigrorufa nigrorufa*: ♂ a, PA, Apr, 17.0; ♂♂ a, PA, Sep, 20.0, 20.7; ♀ a, PA, Sep,  
 20.0.  
*Pooipiza melanoleuca*: ♂♂ a, PA, Sep, 15.0, 15.0; ♀♀ a, PA, Sep, 14.0, 15.0.  
*Embernagra platensis platensis*: ♂ a, PMB, Jan, 28.2; ♂ i, PMB, Jan, 27.5.

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## First records of *Sporophila caerulescens* from Colombia; a probable long distance migrant from southern South America

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On 5 Aug 1974 Remsen saw 5 Double-collared Seedeaters *Sporophila caerulescens* in adult male plumage, and several associating females presumed to be this species, just south of the airport runway at Leticia, Amazonas, Colombia. The same group of birds was studied again the following day for 20 minutes from as close as 7 m. They were feeding at the tips of tall grass stems along a roadside. A single male was seen there again on 3 Nov 1974, although no birds had been seen in the interim. Specimens could not be obtained because the road bordered a Colombian military installation, but there was no doubt as to the identification. The Double-collared Seedeater is distinctly marked,